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Reputable human rights monitors paint a very different picture of religion in North Korea. “The government controls most aspects of daily life, including religious activity, which is allowed only in government-operated religious ‘federations’ or a small number of government-approved ‘house churches,’” according to the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**. “Other public and private religious activity is prohibited. Anyone discovered engaging in clandestine religious activity is subject to discrimination, arrest, arbitrary detention, disappearance, torture, and public execution. A large number of religious believers are incarcerated in kwan-li-so [penal labor camps].”